

- Sec. (f) Termination.
3603. State plan.
- (a) Submission by State educational agency receiving administrative funds for programs; contents.
- (b) Reporting requirements respecting plan implementation.
3604. Asbestos hazards detection program.
- (a) Grants to local and State educational agencies for Federal share; duration of granting authority; amount of Federal share.
- (b) Application for grants; procedures applicable for approval; programs completed before January 1, 1976; determinations respecting amount of grant.
- (c) Reporting requirements for recipients.
- (d) Availability of appropriated funds for education and technical assistance programs.
3605. Asbestos Hazards Control Loan Program.
- (a) Establishment; administration; loans to local educational agencies for share of project costs; project criteria; increase in amount of loans.
- (b) Loan agreements; required terms; additional terms and conditions.
- (c) Application for loans; procedures applicable for approval; projects completed before January 1, 1976.
- (d) Reporting requirements for Secretary.
3606. Standards and safety procedures.
- (a) Establishment and distribution to designated State agency or unit; establishment of criteria for loan program eligibility.
- (b) Establishment of regulations.
- (c) Avoidance of duplication of similar activities of Environmental Protection Agency.
3607. Recovery of costs by United States.
- (a) Suit by United States on behalf of grant or loan recipient for recovery of costs of activities of recipient; proceeds of judgment.
- (b) Investigation and report by Attorney General respecting feasibility of recovery of costs from any person determined by Attorney General to be liable.
- (c) Expeditious proceedings by Attorney General.
3608. Employee protection.
3609. Retained rights.
3610. Definitions.
3611. Authorization of appropriations.
- (a) Sums available during obligation period for asbestos detection and asbestos hazards control loan programs.
- (b) Programs automatically eligible for contingent extension.
- (c) Greatest financial need as basis for approval of applications in case of insufficient funds.
- (d) Authority of Secretary dependent on specific appropriations.

CROSS REFERENCES

Abatement of asbestos hazards in schools, see section 4011 et seq. of this title.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in section 3489 of this title.

§3601. Congressional statement of findings and purposes

(a) The Congress finds that—

(1) exposure to asbestos fibers has been identified over a long period of time and by reputable medical and scientific evidence as significantly increasing the incidence of cancer and other severe or fatal diseases, such as asbestosis;

(2) medical evidence has suggested that children may be particularly vulnerable to environmentally induced cancers;

(3) medical science has not established any minimum level of exposure to asbestos fibers which is considered to be safe to individuals exposed to the fibers;

(4) substantial amounts of asbestos, particularly in sprayed form, have been used in school buildings, especially during the period 1946 through 1972;

(5) partial surveys in some States have indicated that (A) in a number of school buildings materials containing asbestos fibers have become damaged or friable, causing asbestos fibers to be dislodged into the air, and (B) asbestos concentrations far exceeding normal ambient air levels have been found in school buildings containing such damaged materials;

(6) the presence in school buildings of friable or easily damaged asbestos creates an unwarranted hazard to the health of the school children and school employees who are exposed to such materials;

(7) the Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as several States, have attempted to publicize the potential hazards to school children and employees from exposure to asbestos fibers, but there is no systematic program for identifying hazardous conditions in schools or for remedying those conditions;

(8) because there is no Federal health standard regulating the concentration of asbestos fibers in noncommercial workplace environments such as schools, school employees and students may be exposed to hazardous concentrations of asbestos fibers in the school buildings which they use each day;

(9) without an improved program of information distribution, technical and scientific assistance, and financial support, many local educational agencies and States will not be able to mitigate the potential asbestos hazards in their schools; and

(10) the effective regulation of interstate commerce for the protection of the public health requires the establishment of programs under this chapter to identify and mitigate hazards from exposure to asbestos fibers and materials emitting such fibers.

(b) It is the purpose of this chapter to—

(1) direct the Secretary of Education to establish a task force to assist States and local educational agencies to ascertain the extent of the danger to the health of school children and employees from asbestos materials in schools;

(2) require States receiving administrative funds for any applicable program (as defined under section 1221(c)(1)(A)¹ of this title) to pre-

¹See References in Text note below.